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BRISBANE TABLE TENNIS
AUGUST 2017

#GO BRISBANE!

BRISBANE TEAM FARES WELL
AT THE LISMORE TEAMS
TOURNAMENT

TEAM ENGLAND
COMING TO BRISBANE

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

TABLE TENNIS TEAM ENGLAND To Train in Brisbane

AHEAD OF THE COMMONWEALTH GAMES



"I am looking forward to going to the Gold Coast with the aim of returning as Commonwealth champion. Glasgow 2014 was fantastic for Team England athletes and it was vital in terms of my development. The Games has helped me progress to where I am today and I am excited for what next year can bring," said Liam.

As part of its plans to send the best prepared team to the Gold Coast, Team England will run a 10-day preparation camp for its representatives at Brisbane Table Tennis Centre.

Across all Sports, Team England will send a team of around a total of 600 athletes and staff in what will be England's largest ever team to represent the nation in an overseas sporting event. The team will compete in 18 sports, including 38 para medal events.

(Picture by Alan Man.
Quotes from
<http://www.weareengland.org/home/news/first-team-england-athletes-qualify-for-2018-commonwealth-games>)

Excitement is building with around 7 months to go until the 2018 Commonwealth Games. Team England has announced that Paul Drinkhall and Liam Pitchford will represent England in Table Tennis.

Paul Drinkhall, 27, is the reigning Commonwealth mixed doubles table tennis champion with four Commonwealth medals in total and Liam Pitchford, 23, has a total of five Commonwealth medals to his name.

"I am delighted to qualify to represent Team England at Gold Coast 2018," said Paul.

The Commonwealth Games is one of the world's best sporting events. I know that Commonwealth Games England is working tirelessly to ensure we have the best prepared team and facilities available to give us the very best chance of delivering more success for the nation at the 2018 Commonwealth Games," said Paul.

Liam concurs "It is a very proud moment to qualify for Team England. The 2018 Commonwealth Games will be outstanding."

New Women's Program

Brisbane Table Tennis Association is pleased to announce a new, engagement and participation program to support women's table tennis. Designed for over 55s women with the support from the Get Out & Get Active grant a new weekly program will commence on October 9th. Every Monday 12noon - 2pm (for an initial 10 week program) women are invited to "come & try" table tennis.

This fun and friendly session will be facilitated by well-known coach Cathy Townsend.

Research has shown that, like many social inclusion activities, table tennis programs can help older people enjoy:

- Improved mobility
- Healthier sleep patterns
- Better coordination and
- Improved balance, which can reduce falls.

So if you or you know of some women who would like to come and try table tennis please join us on Mondays from October 9th.

For more info you can email nicole@lasertag.com.au



MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Tell a Friend!

Attracting and retaining members, just like you, is very important and sometimes very challenging! We need your help. Do you know someone, a friend or family members who plays table tennis in their garage or at work? We would love them to become a member of the Brisbane Table Tennis Club. Come and play in a friendly environment. If you know someone who would benefit from joining our club please invite them along! Spread the word - the 2017 membership drive is now on!

Adult Beginners

Want to get into playing Table Tennis? Adult Beginners is a great start. Wed night coaching 7:30pm-9pm (register by 7:15pm) designed for Adult beginners.

Special offer - only \$112 for 6 week program that includes social membership. Normally = \$80. Normally Adult Group Coaching = \$22 (non-member) so 6 x \$22 per session = \$132.

Instead of paying \$212 you only pay \$112. Instead of \$22 a session you only pay \$12 & you get half price member. This is a total saving of \$100. This is terrific value. New players welcome year round.

FIREBALLS!

Kids love to play Table Tennis. Wed nights 6pm -7:30pm.

Designed specially for kids.

During school term - only \$9 per child.

This is great value! For more info see <https://goo.gl/bptYNN>



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

NEW COUNCIL FOR 2017

The BTTA Council:

Peter Lander, President
Jim James, Vice President
Simon Mills, Treasurer
Mike Edwards, Secretary
Michael Bygraves, Council Member
Spence Martin, Council Member
Washington Firmeza, Council Member

Thank you to all the members who attended the Annual General Meeting this week.

The Annual Report is now available for all members to download from our website.

www.BrisbaneTableTennis.org.au



Lismore Teams Success

The Brisbane Club was very successful at this year's annual teams event in Lismore. Now in its 11th year it is a popular annual event,

This year, Brisbane Div I and Div III took out the honours with Brisbane Div II coming in fifth.

Ben Lander (Div I) and Michael Bygraves (Div III) were undefeated throughout the entire tournament.

Inspired by such a well-run and popular teams event Brisbane will host its own teams invitation this year on 30 September to 1 October 2017.

For more info about the Brisbane Team's event contact Michael Bygraves. Or pick up a nomination / entry form from the BTTA.

30 Sept - 1 Oct

BNE TEAM'S EVENT

Brisbane Represent

Congratulations to both Mateo Dvorani and Benjamin Gould for being selected to represent Australia at the 2017 ITTF Oceania Youth Olympic Games, which will be held in Bendigo Victoria from 11-12 November 2017. Mateo, fought out a tough match in the boys main draw round robin 1 in the final match of the day against fellow Brisbane club member, Benjamin Gould. With the winner deciding who would qualify 1st, the match went right down to the wire with Mateo winning 14-12 in the 7th game. Benjamin was selected on day 2 of the qualification event. It is fantastic that both representative spots were filled by Brisbane club members.

We are barracking for you!

#gobrisbane #represent



U18 Boys Qld TT Team Nominated for a Sports Award

The Queensland under 18 boys Table Tennis team have been nominated for the Quest Community News Local Sports Awards.

Three of the four members of the U18 boys team are from the Brisbane Table Tennis Club. Congratulations Benjamin Gould, Mateo Dvorani & Ben Lander on your nomination.

